

Probe Centers on Cubans

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NEW ORLEANS, La. — The death last week of former airline pilot David William Ferrie left Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who says he has detected a conspiracy culminating in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, with an investigation centered almost entirely on Cuban refugees.

This was learned here from a source within Garrison's office and is bolstered by what is known publicly about the witness Garrison and his staff are seeking.

The district attorney's investigators are combing Cuban refugee communities in the United States, especially in Miami. They are searching for persons who can shed light on what Garrison thinks was a plot to kill Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba that turned into a plot to assassinate Kennedy.

ON SATURDAY, Garrison was

sharply attacked by Carlos Bringuier, a leader among anti-Castro Cubans in New Orleans who once engaged in a radio debate with Lee Harvey Oswald.

Bringuier said the district attorney has "hurt all of the Cuban community."

Many of Garrison's clues were developed by the Warren Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and later rejected by them on grounds that they were either false clues or were unsupported by evidence.

One of the clues is the alleged anti-Castro sentiment of Ferrie, 48, who was found dead in bed last week soon after protesting Garrison's investigation. Garrison believes there was a link between him, Oswald and anti-Castro Cubans.

ANOTHER CLUE is a photograph from Warren Commission files showing Oswald distributing pro-Castro literature with a

man Garrison's investigators believe to be a Cuban.

The fact that Oswald was distributing pro-Castro, rather than anti-Castro, literature has not dissuaded Garrison from his theory that Oswald was part of an anti-Castro plot.

The district attorney believes, according to one of his investigators, that Oswald might have distributed the literature in an effort to win the confidence of the Cuban government and gain permission to "enter that country, where he would have become the "trigger man" in a plot to assassinate Castro.

However, when Oswald was denied permission to enter Cuba, the theory continues, the anti-Castro "conspirators" decided next to use him to assassinate Kennedy as a way of punishing him for his "failure" to follow up the Bay of Pigs invasion with a second military effort.

A NEW ORLEANS television station reported Sunday that "Bill Gervich and another (Dist. Atty. Jim) Garrison investigator" had flown to Dallas to talk with Arcacha, reportedly a former leader of Cuban exiles in that city.

The investigators met Arcacha in the Dallas police station but when he insisted that any questioning be done in the presence of Dallas detectives, failed to query him, Garrison reportedly told newsmen. Arcacha could not be reached for comment Sunday night.

High Aynesworth of Newsweek magazine quoted Arcacha as having told him that Garrison's investigators had been "hounding him" and had asked him to accompany them back to New Orleans.

"I have nothing to tell them," Arcacha was quoted as saying. "I know nothing of what's going on."

ARCACHA SAID HE left New Orleans in 1961 and hadn't had much contact with anyone there until he phoned friends last week, Aynesworth said.

Arcacha seemed "very surprised that anybody was interested in him. He said he'll tell anybody anything but he didn't know anything," Aynesworth said.

The Newsweek staffer said Arcacha told him Garrison got his name from a supposed friend in New Orleans named Carlos Bringuier, whom Arcacha had telephoned.

"He said, 'Look, doesn't Garrison know that he's hurting the country. He said he's going to arrest four or five Cubans. This is hardly fair to 300,000 honest, hard-working Cubans.'"

The New Orleans television station had identified Alexander as Arcacha's legal representative.

"I can't, I don't, I wouldn't represent him," Alexander said. "Just like anybody else, we would advise him only of his rights."

Cuban Denies Knowledge of Assassination

By DAVID MORGAN

The New Orleans district attorney's office has been trying to get a Cuban refugee now living in Dallas to travel to New Orleans for questioning in connection with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Dallas News learned Sunday.

Assistant Dist. Atty. B.T. Alexander of Dallas said Sergio Arcacha had called the "office sometime last week and related that he had been asked to go to New Orleans on Wednesday. He wanted to know if he had to leave his job and pay his own expenses down there without a subpoena or without knowing what kind of deal he was going there on."

Alexander said he advised Arcacha of his rights—"that he could await a subpoena or go on if he wanted to."

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The attached articles were taken from the Dallas Morning News dated February 26 and 27, 1967 are regarding SUBJECT'S investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

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